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1. Pepper has replaced tin as the most important commodity smuggled out of Bangka. The majority of the products smuggled go to Singapore; the Chinese are the most active smugglers. To make sure their activities are not hindered by the authorities, the smugglers have bribed the Angkatan Perang Republik Indonesia (APRI) and the civil police on Bangka. Considerable rivalry exists among Indonesian law enforcement agencies over the division of profits derived from this smuggling business. The Mobile Brigade, which is not connected with any important smuggling clique and has not shared extensively in the protection money, is attempting to clamp down legally on those smugglers who cooperate with the APRI and the civil police. These agencies fear that the Mobil Brigade by such obstruction may put an end to the present lucrative arrangement.
2. In South Sumatra, where smuggling is still very active, the smugglers pay off the Indonesian armed forces, the police, and the customs authorities to obtain unhindered passage of their goods. Large quantities of cigarettes have recently been smuggled into Palembang. At night cases of these cigarettes are dropped from tankers into the water at Boom Baru, the port area of Palembang. They are picked up by persons waiting in small boats. Most of the tankers involved are American or European. Before each operation arrangements are made between the crew members furnishing the cigarettes and the black market operators on shore. Small quantities of pistols and rifles have also been brought illegally into Boom Baru and then transported to Palembang.

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